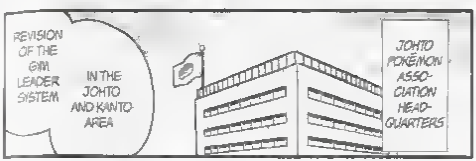
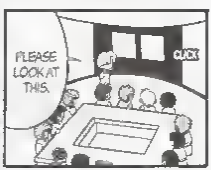
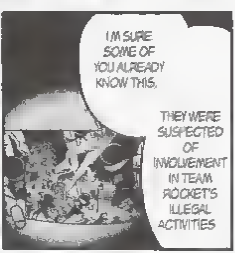
CHAPTER 99 SUNSHINE SUNKERN

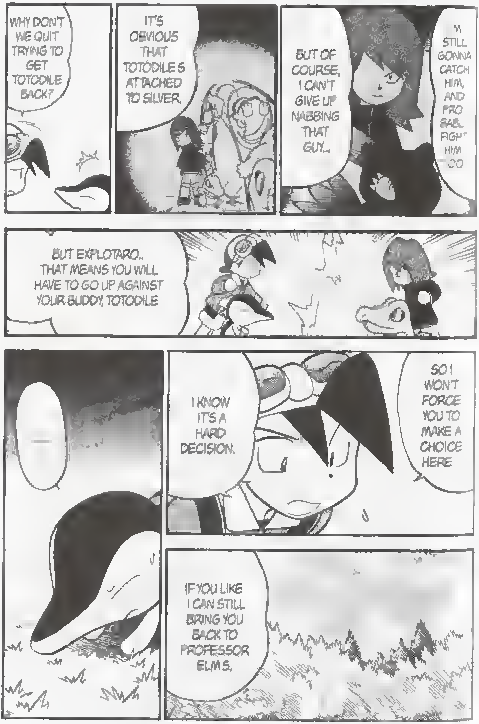






AND THE GYM LEADERS OF FUCHSIA CITY AND VIRIDIAN CITY, SUSPECTED OF THE SAME CHARGE ARE MISSING NOW
GYM
THE GYMS HAVE SINCE BEEN EMPTY WITHOUT A LEADER.
THESE PEOPLE WERE SELECTED TO LEAD THE GYM AND ALLOW TRAINERS TO POLISH THEIR SKILLS.
TO PREVENT THE SAME THING FROM HAPPENING HERE IN YOKUDO, I RECOMMEND THAT WE...
I OBJECT!
TO SUSPECT THEM OF INVOLVEMENT WITH TEAM ROCKET WITHOUT EVIDENCE AT ALL IS NOT RIGHT
MOREOVER, TEAM ROCKET HAS ALREADY BEEN DISBANDED.
THE GYM LEADERS OF VERMILION CITY AND SAFFRON CITY HAVE DUTIFULLY FULFILLED THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES EVER SINCE.
WHAT'S LEFT IS TO APPOINT NEW LEADERS FOR THE GYM IN FUCHSIA CITY AND VIRIDIAN CITY
BEFORE YOU WORRY ABOUT THIS YOU SHOULD REPAIR THE POKEMON TRANSPORTER FIRST. IT HAS BEEN DOWN SINCE THE ACCIDENT AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO CAN DO IT.
BILL!

MAN...
THAT WAS CLOSE
BUT I STILL DIDN'T MANAGE TO CATCH THAT GUY
GLANCE
CRAWL
CRAWL
AND...
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT COMPARED TO THAT FELLA AND TOTODILE, WE DON'T WORK NEARLY AS WELL AS THOSE GUYS..
I KNOW THAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR THE SAME REASON-BUT IS THIS ENOUGH...?
OKAY...
LISTEN EXPLOTARO


WHY DON'T WE QUIT TRYING TO GET TOTODILE BACK?
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT TOTODILE'S ATTACHED TO SILVER.
BUT OF COURSE, I CAN'T GIVE UP NABBING THAT GUY...
M-STILL GONNA CATCH HIM, AND PROBABLY FIGHT HIM TOO
BUT EXPLOTARO.. THAT MEANS YOU WILL HAVE TO GO UP AGAINST YOUR BUDDY, TOTODILE
I KNOW IT'S A HARD DECISION.
SO I WON'T FORCE YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE HERE
IF YOU LIKE I CAN STILL BRING YOU BACK TO PROFESSOR ELM'S.

OF COURSE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ME NOW.
FIRST THINGS FIRST! LET'S GET SOME REST!
FLOP
TIME TO GET SOME SHUT EYE!
RUSTLE...
RUSTLE...
WHOOSH-!!
WHOA!
HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE WIND!?
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOO
YIKES!

HUH?
SPRONG
BEEP
SUN-KERN
ARE THEY A HERD-POKE MON?
?
MAN... THERE GOES MY BEAUTY SLEEP
GROAN
SHAA
CAW CAW CAW CAW
WHAT THE...? A BIRD THIS TIME!?
RETURN PIDGEOTTO! NOCTOWL!
CAW CAW
WHAT...IS THAT?

HUH ?
AH! YOU'RE ..
COLLAPSE
FORGOT
YOU HELPED US IN DRAWING THE FORTRAN OF THE THIEF BACK AT PROFESSOR ELM'S PLACE DIDN'T YOU?
AH! YOU'RE THAT POLICE MAN!
I COULDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU OUT OF YOUR UNIFORM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH, I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF I'M FALKNER.
I'M NOT ON DUTY TODAY SO I'M TRAINING HERE
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT POLICEMEN HAVE TO UNDERGO POKEMON TRAINING
NAH, THIS IS JUST MY OWN DREAM.
DREAM

VIOLET
GYM
DID YOU SEE..
...THAT VIOLET GYM IN TOWN?
EVER SINCE MY FATHER WENT MISSING THERE'S BEEN NO ONE TO TAKE OVER HIS PLACE..
IT'S MY DREAM TO TAKE OVER THE GYM SOMEDAY
MY FATHER WAS THE GYM LEADER OF VIOLET CITY, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED AND HE'S GONE MISSING SINCE
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO STRENGTHEN MYSELF. TAKE THE GYM LEADER INITIATION TEST AT THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION AND PASS THE TEST
THIS IS MY LIFE'S GOAL
GOAL..
MY GOALS NOW ARE TO FIND FOLTARO AND NAB SILVER...
COME TO THINK OF IT, SILVER DID NOT STEAL TOTODILE TO SELL HIM OFF...
MAYBE HE HAS HIS GOALS, TOO.
CAW CAW
HUH?

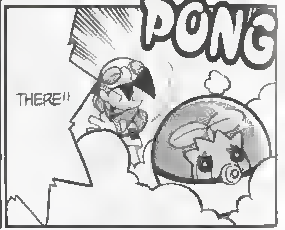
SHOVE!
DUCK GOLD!
ARGH!!
WHOOSH
ANOTHER GUST OF WIND!?
NO NOT JUST THAT!
SOMETHING'S BEEN STIRRING UP UNREST IN THIS AREA!
CRAAWW
THIS MUST BE IT!!
A NEW SPECIES OF BIRD POKEMON..
..WITH A BODY OF METAL!
CAW CAW
WHAT IS IT NOW!?
BOING BOING
AH! IT'S THE HERO OF SUNKERN AGAIN!!

IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE BIRD POKÉMON.
NO WONDER THEY'RE JUMPING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
CHECK OUT THAT LEAP!
GO!
PIDGEOTTO! NOCTOWL!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
IT'S AN AIR BORNE BATTLE!
I THINK YOUR POKÉMON'S GOT THE UPPER HAND FALKNER!
NO, IT'S NOT SO EASY!

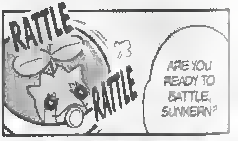
I SEE
VE FOUGHT ONCE BEFORE... ...BUT I COULDN'T WIN ITS METAL-HARD BODY
SLAP
AHH!
DOESN'T...
DOESN'T IT HAVE ANY WEAKNESS AT ALL!?
"DIGEOTTO! NOT SO CLOSE!
SINCE IT'S METAL WE MAY NEED HEAT FOR OUR ATTACK...
HEAT!?
EXPLO-TARO!!
GRIN
HEAT MEANS FIRE!
IT'S UP TO YOU THEN!

BUT I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SHOOT THE POKÉBALL WITH MY CUE THAT HIGH.
ROLLING
HMM

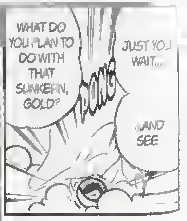
ATARO, CATCH HIM!
GRA


PONG
THERE!!

SORRY, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP HERE


RATTLE
RATTLE
ARE YOU READY TO BATTLE, SUNKERN?

RIGHT! THEN I CHOOSE YOU, SUNKERN!
GO!!
PONG


WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH THAT SUNKERN, GOLD?
JUST YOU WAIT...
AND SEE